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Re: Application of Hajime KONDOU
NATURAL RUBBER, RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE
Assignee: **BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q83544

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application. Also enclosed is the first page of WO 03/082925 A1.
- ☐ 0 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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